

Higher-Education, defining its powers and duties, making an appropriation therefor, and repealing an Act herein named, approved August 22, 1961, as now or hereafter amended.

The term "new unit of instruction, research or public service" includes the establishment of a college, school, division, institute, department or other unit including majors and curricula in any field of instruction, research, or public service not theretofore included in the program of the community college, and includes the establishment of any new branch or campus of the institution. The term shall not include reasonable and moderate extensions of existing curricula, research, or public service programs which have a direct relationship to existing programs; and the State Board may, under its rule making power define the character of reasonable and moderate extensions.

(Source: P.A. 78-669.)

(110 ILCS 805/3-15 rep.)

Section 10. The Public Community College Act is amended by repealing Section 3-15.

Section 99. This Act takes effect upon becoming law.

Passed in the General Assembly May 21, 1993.

Approved August 12, 1993.

Effective August 12, 1993.

PUBLIC ACT 88-323
(Senate Bill No. 627)

AN ACT to amend the Public Utilities Act by changing Section 9-252 and by adding Section 9-252.1.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

Section 1. The Public Utilities Act is amended by changing Section 9-252 and by adding Section 9-252.1 as follows:

(220 ILCS 5/9-252) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 9-252)

Sec. 9-252. When complaint is made to the Commission concerning any rate or other charge of any public utility and the Commission finds, after a hearing, that the public utility has charged an excessive or unjustly discriminatory amount for its product, commodity or service, the Commission may order that the public utility make due reparation to the complainant therefor, with interest at the legal rate from the date of payment of such excessive or unjustly discriminatory amount.

~~When a customer pays a bill as submitted by a public utility and the billing is later found to be incorrect due to an error either in charging more than the published rate or in measuring the quantity or volume of service provided, the utility shall refund the overcharge with interest from the date of overpayment at the legal rate or at a rate prescribed by rule of the Commission. Refunds and interest for such overcharges may be paid by the utility without the need for a hearing and order of the Commission.~~

If the public utility does not comply with an order of the Commission for the payment of money within the time fixed in such order, the complainant, or any person for whose benefit such order was made, may file in a circuit court of competent jurisdiction a complaint setting forth briefly the causes for which the person claims damages and the order of

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the Commission in the premises. Such action shall proceed in all respects like other civil actions for damages, except that on the trial of such action the order of the Commission shall be prima facie evidence of the facts therein stated. If the plaintiff shall finally prevail, he or she shall be allowed a reasonable attorney's fee to be taxed and collected as a part of the costs of the action.

All complaints for the recovery of damages shall be filed with the Commission within 2 years from the time the produce, commodity or service as to which complaint is made was furnished or performed, and a petition for the enforcement of an order of the Commission for the payment of money shall be filed in the proper court within one year from the date of the order, except that if an appeal is taken from the order of the Commission, the time from the taking of the appeal until its final adjudication shall be excluded in computing the one year allowed for filing the complaint to enforce such order.

The remedy provided in this section shall be cumulative, and in addition to any other remedy or remedies in this Act provided in case of failure of a public utility to obey a rule, regulation, order or decision of the Commission.
(Source: P.A. 84-617.)

(220 ILCS 5/9-252.1 new)

Sec. 9-252.1. When a customer pays a bill as submitted by a public utility and the billing is later found to be incorrect due to an error either in charging more than the published rate or in measuring the quantity or volume of service provided, the utility shall refund the overcharge with interest from the date of overpayment at the legal rate or at a rate prescribed by rule of the Commission. Refunds and interest for such overcharges may be paid by the utility without the need for a hearing and order of the Commission. Any complaint relating to an incorrect billing must be filed with the Commission no more than 2 years after the date the customer first has knowledge of the incorrect billing.

Passed in the General Assembly May 21, 1993.

Approved August 12, 1993.

Effective January 1, 1994.

PUBLIC ACT 88-324
(Senate Bill No. 756)

AN ACT to amend the Medical Practice Act.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Medical Practice Act of 1987 is amended by changing Section 24 as follows:

(225 ILCS 60/24) (from Ch. 111, par. 4400-24)

Sec. 24. Report of violations; medical associations.

Any physician licensed under this Act, the Illinois State Medical Society, the Illinois Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, the Illinois Chiropractic Society, the Illinois Prairie State Chiropractic Association, or any component societies of any of these 4 three groups, and any other person, may report to the Disciplinary Board any information the such physician, association, society, or person may have that which appears to show that a physician is or may be in violation of any of the provisions of Section

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